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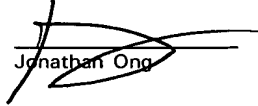
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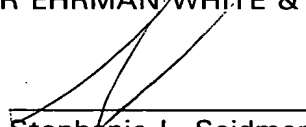
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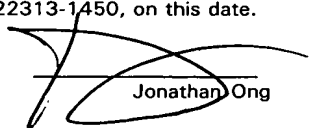
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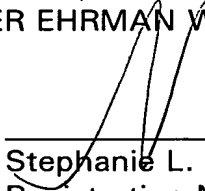
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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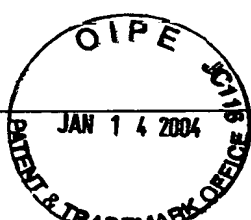
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